

ASSASSINATIONS FIT RED PATTERN

Probe Seeks Oswald-Castro Link

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Shadowy stretches in the lives of two far left-leaning gunmen are being subjected to one of the most intensive investigations ever mounted by U. S. agencies here and abroad.

The two principal targets are:

- The true story of Lee Harvey Oswald, and especially his visit to Mexico from Sept. 26 to Oct. 3 this year; who he saw there and whether or not he made a quick, clandestine flight to Havana from Mexico City and back.

- The true story of the doctrine of political assassination as practiced by Fidel Castro and his followers and whether or not one of the latter schooled Oswald in the tricks of the trade. Oswald was a Castro admirer.

The FBI is now backtracking hour-by-hour over the days Oswald spent in Mexico on a trip which began the day newspapers confirmed that President Kennedy would visit Dallas and other major Texas cities on Nov. 21-22. It is likely much more will be revealed about this trip in the weeks ahead.

Under Microscope

It may seem far-fetched to many that the precepts of the Castro underground could have converged anywhere in any serious manner with the obscure and unemployed former Marine who crossed into Mexico on Sept. 26. But both the FBI and CIA probes are giving it the microscope treatment.

The assassination of our chief of state fitted a Castroite pattern discernible as long ago as 1948, and carried clear hints that it could be repeated.

The Castro government is now under formal investigation by the Organization of American States for attempting to overthrow the government of Venezuela. Our investigators are fully aware that the OAS may come up with more information on Castro's plots in the U. S., Mexico and elsewhere. They don't want to be caught flat-footed.

The report on Oswald's doings in Mexico, already

furnished Washington by the Mexican government, leaves big time-gaps.

Did he confer with anyone during this time? Did he make any trips outside the city?

The American probes are digging into this whole phase of the case. The FBI, weeks before the crime, had Oswald tabbed as a man to watch for his Communist and pro-Castro activities.

Check New Angle

As the Oswald story is being run out in detail, so, too, is the story of Castro and the success-by-gunfire doctrine he has shared in this hemisphere with the Comintern. The probes are finding that sometimes, in order to see further ahead, it is best to look behind.

They are skipping over those glamorous clippings which depict Castro as the Robin Hood of a peasant's revolution. They are looking closer at such reports as those compiled by ex-Communist Nathaniel Weyl in his updated volume, "Red Star Over Cuba" (Devlin-Adair, N. Y.).

Mr. Weyl, a former OSS operative, was once in the Alger Hiss cell of the Communist Party. He helped to expose Hiss. Later he worked on a background study of Castro through leads made available through his old party connections. Our CIA disagrees with Mr. Weyl only on the date Castro became wholly committed to the Reds. Mr. Weyl claims Castro was an unsurfaced Commie 15 years ago; the CIA disagrees.

Shifting The Blame

According to Mr. Weyl, Castro was in Bogota, Colombia, in April, 1948, at the time of the big upheaval marked by riots and an assassination. With him, Mr. Weyl writes, was another Cuban student, Rafael del Pino. They had been sent there as part of a leftist and Communist plot to wreck the Ninth Inter-American Conference. The two stayed in Room 33 at the Hotel Claridge.

The assassination which helped spark the blood bath on

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